an Expenditure Reforms Commission to look into areas where expenditure can be curtailed and signing of MOUs with 13 States in which a financial package has been extended to the States for implementing fiscal reforms.

Vacancies of CMDs and EDs in Banks and FIs

1029. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been several vacancies of Chairman and Managing Directors and Executive Directors lying vacant in various public sector banks and financial institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government have taken or propose to take to appoint these high officials/executives in nationalised banks/financial institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) Vacancies of whole time directors of public sector banks and financial institutions where appointments are to be made by the Central Government are as under:—

1. Chairman (part time),
   Export-Import Bank of India
2. Chairman,
   National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development
3. Chairman and Managing Director,
   Small Industries Development Bank of India
4. Chairman and Managing Director,
   UCO Bank
5. Chairman and Managing Director,
   Punjab and Sind Bank
6. Chairman and Managing Director,
   Bank of Maharashtra

7. Chairman and Managing Director,
Corporation Bank.
8. Executive Director,
Oriental Bank of Commerce
9. Executive Director,
Allahabad Bank
10. Executive Director,
Andhra Bank
11. Executive Director,
Bank of Baroda
12. Executive Director,
Union Bank of India
13. Executive Director,
Bank of India
14. Executive Director,
Indian Bank

(c) Action has been initiated to fill up these vacancies.

Suggestion of CEC for Holding Assembly Elections under the Supervision of Governors

1030. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Election Commissioner has suggested that henceforth the Assembly elections in the States should be conducted under the supervision of the Governor of the State;

(b) if so, the reasons adduced by the CEC in favour of the suggestion; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) According to the Election Commission of India, the Chief Election Commissioner has on some occasions proposed for public debate, the